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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 670
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

As you review the nominations to the newly created Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC), I urge you to give strong consideration to Dan Kuehn of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

Dan currently serves as the Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for LCRA. In 1934 the Texas Legislature established LCRA as a conservation and reclamation district of the State of Texas. As part of its mission, LCRA operates a not-for-profit electric system that exists to serve the wholesale electric needs of its Texas consumers. LCRA is one of the nation's largest public power producers, providing wholesale electric service to more than 40 municipalities and electric cooperatives and electricity for more than 1 million people in Central Texas.

Texas is one of the largest consumers and producers of energy in the nation. A growing amount of our electricity is generated using coal, a fuel commonly moved by rail. LCRA co-owns and operates the Fayette Power Project (FPP), which burns approximately 6.5 tons of coal a year. The main fuel source is coal from the Powder River Basin of Wyoming which is delivered by rail. Dan has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation services for over 25 years and, given his knowledge and expertise of the issues, he is uniquely qualified to serve as a member of RETAC.

I am pleased to recommend Dan Kuehn for a position on RETAC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator